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INTERNS SOUGHT FOR MINORITY SUPERINTENDENT PROGRAM

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Educators are being sought to serve as assistants to successful Kentucky superintendents through the Minority Superintendent Internship Program (MSIP), the Kentucky Department of Education announced today.

These interns will work closely with superintendents, receiving hands-on experience that may be beneficial as they apply for administrative positions in Kentucky public schools.

Current school district superintendents have agreed to host the interns, who will develop individual growth plans and have regular meetings and networking sessions with superintendents, board of education members and other groups.

Interns also will get practical experience with public relations, curriculum/assessment/instruction issues, labor relations, human resources, facility management and finance and budgeting.

Since the program's inception in 2003, three of the program's interns have been selected as Kentucky school superintendents: Elaine Farris, who served as superintendent for the Shelby County school district; Diane Woods of the Campbellsville Independent school district; and Donald Smith, who will serve as superintendent in Marion County beginning July 2009.

The program will begin in late June and run through July of 2010. Applicants should be certified or close to fulfilling superintendent certification.

Applications will be accepted through May 20, with interviews and appointments to be made in June. Applicants may call the department's Division of Educator Quality and Diversity at (502) 564-1479 for more information and an application packet.